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**HAVRE DE GRACE MAN SENTENCED TO
5 YEARS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN**

ELKTON- Monday, March 3, 2025, Michael Grondin, 22, of Havre de Grace, was sentenced in the Circuit Court of Cecil County to five years for possession of a handgun with a prior felony conviction. Grondin pled guilty on Monday to one count of possession of a handgun with a prior felony conviction and one count of attempting to elude police by failing to stop.

On October 8, 2024, Troopers with the Maryland State Police pursued the Defendant after he fled from a traffic stop for speeding on Eastbound Pulaski Highway in North East. The chase ended when the Defendant crashed his vehicle into another motorist at the intersection of Route 272 and Pulaski Highway. The Defendant then bailed out of his disabled vehicle in an attempt to elude the police, but was quickly apprehended by Troopers after a short foot chase. After his arrest, a loaded Polymer 80 handgun was located in plain view on the floor of the Defendant's vehicle. Due to prior convictions, Grondin is prohibited from possessing firearms.

The Maryland State Sentencing Guidelines for the crime committed is a mandatory five years. The State, represented by Assistant State's Attorney Henry M. Smithmyer, recommended a sentence of five years for the illegal possession of a handgun and one year suspended for attempting to elude police. Cecil County Circuit Court Judge Cameron A. Brown imposed a sentence of five years active incarceration in the Department of Corrections. Additionally, Grondin was ordered to two years of supervised probation upon his release.